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Practices

FOCUS: Structured Finance and
Securitization

Investment Management and Funds

Private Equity

Structured Products

Industries

Finance and Financial Markets

Manufacturing and Industrials
Private Equity

Education

JD, New York University School of Law

BA, The George Washington University,
magna cum laude

Bar Admissions

New York

Community Involvements

American Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

As co-head of Katten's highly ranked structured finance and securitization practice, Howard Schickler offers clients insights formed from more than 25 years of experience representing private equity funds, special situation funds, specialty finance companies and the full range of players in structured finance transactions. Howie takes care to understand his clients' businesses, having worked with some all the way from the launch of their businesses through their growth cycle, including mergers and acquisitions, public offerings and restructurings and liquidations. Understanding the full life cycle of client enterprises is part of the wide perspective that he maintains in his work.

Tracking an evolving industry

Practices evolve quickly in the highly competitive and heavily regulated world of structured finance and securitization. Howie helps clients stay on top of new regulations and investor requirements, as well as the latest strategies for structuring deals. His familiarity with industry standards allows him to alert clients to deal terms they should be considering and also avoiding. Private equity funds, special situation funds and specialty finance companies frequently turn to him for advice on complex lending and portfolio acquisition transactions, knowing that he avoids unnecessary conflict in difficult negotiations.

In the specialty finance arena, Howie has worked with mortgage originators, auto loan originators, equipment lease originators and firms that finance litigation and medical receivables, and fintech companies. At times, these transactions span multiple jurisdictions, which demands compliance with varying regulatory and security interest rules. Howie has also advised clients on strategies to deal with borrowers in distress. In one matter, he assisted a private equity fund that had made a large loan to a specialty finance company in financial trouble. Working with Katten's restructuring and insolvency team, he helped devise a plan that allowed the borrower to restructure under a consensual plan and avoid protracted court proceedings.

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Recognitions

- *Chambers Global*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation
 - USA, 2021
- *Chambers USA*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation, 2020
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation ABS, 2021
- The Legal 500 United States
 - Recommended Attorney, 2014–2021

News

- Katten Receives High Marks in Derivatives, M&A and Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2021 Guide (June 10, 2021)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA* 2021 (May 20, 2021)
- Katten Praised by *Chambers Global* in Banking & Finance, Derivatives, Hedge Funds and Securitisation (February 19, 2021)
- Howard Schickler Discusses Bank/Fintech Partnership Challenges With *American Banker* (September 2, 2020)
- *GlobalCapital* Discusses Pandemic Consumer Behavior and What That Means for the ABS Market (June 23, 2020)
- Katten Named Top-Tier Firm in Structured Finance and Securitization by The Legal 500 United States 2020 Guide (June 16, 2020)
- Katten Rated Top Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2020 (April 23, 2020)
- Katten Advances in Underwriter League Table in 2019 US ABS/MBS Securitization Counsel Mid-Year Rankings (July 17, 2019)

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- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)
- Katten Holds Strong in 2018 US ABS/MBS Securitization Counsel Mid-Year Rankings (July 18, 2018)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Katten Highly Ranked for 2017 US ABS/MBS Securitizations and CLO Underwriting Counsel (January 16, 2018)
- Shan Haider Joins Katten as Partner in New York (October 30, 2017)
- Katten Ranked As Number Two Issuer Counsel for First Half of 2017 for US ABS/MBS Securitizations (August 3, 2017)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States 2017* (May 31, 2017)
- Katten Ranked As Number Two Issuer Counsel for First Half of 2016 for US ABS/MBS Securitizations (July 18, 2016)
- Eighteen Katten Practices and 70 Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States 2016* (June 17, 2016)
- Nine Katten Practices and 42 Attorneys Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States 2015* (June 3, 2015)
- Eight Katten Practices and Forty-Two Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States 2014* (July 3, 2014)
- Katten Is Number One Issuer Counsel in Structured Finance (July 15, 2013)
- Katten Welcomes Prominent Structured Finance Group (November 2, 2010)

Publications

- Structured Finance Year in Review and the Outlook for 2021 | Key Takeaways (December 23, 2020)
- Colorado Establishes Safe Harbor for Bank/Fintech Lending Programs (August 19, 2020)

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Presentations and Events

- Structured Finance Year in Review and the Outlook for 2021 (December 8 and 10, 2020) | *Moderator* | *Fintech Update and the Road Ahead*
- Current Major Issues in Marketplace Lending: Regulatory and Securitization Perspectives (November 10, 2016) | *Presenter*
- Emerging Trends in P2P Lending and Merchant Cash Advance (October 1, 2014) | *Presenter*
- Emerging Trends in P2P Lending and Merchant Cash Advance (June 26, 2014) | *Presenter*
- IMN's Second Annual Spring Single Family Aggregation: The REO-to-Rental Forum (May 13–15, 2014) | *Chair* | *The Long and Short of the Bridge Market and Lines of Credit*
- The 18th Annual ABS East Conference (October 21–23, 2012) | *Speaker* | *Assessing the Availability of Repo Financing and the Use of Leverage in Securitized Markets*